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SUBJ: ARMS FOR PAKISTAN

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1. ON OCTOBER 13, WE TOLD GENERAL TOUFANIAN THAT P&A DATA FOR PAK ARMS REQUEST WERE BEING ASSEMBLED AND WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO GOP. IRAN COULD EXPECT TO HEAR FROM GOP WHEN IT REACHED DECISIONS ON WHAT EQUIPMENT IT WANTED TO ORDER WITH IRANIAN FINANCING.

2. TOUFANIAN ACCEPTED THIS PROCEDURE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, BUT NOTED HE HAD A "DELICATE PROBLEM." AFTER GOP PRESENTED LIST OF DESIRED EQUIPMENT, SHAH WOULD DECIDE HOW MUCH MONEY IRAN COULD MAKE AVAILABLE. IT WOULD THEN BE TOUFANIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THAT IRANIAN FUNDS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO PAKISTAN IN THE AMOUNT AND WHEN THEY WERE REQUIRED FOR FMS PAYMENTS. HE HAD TO BE SURE THAT MONEY WAS NOT USED FOR SOME OTHER PURPOSE OR PAID
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TOO EARLY. COULD WE HELP? PERHAPS WE COULD QUIETLY GIVE

IRAN A PAYMENT SCHEDULE.

3. COMMENT: WE APPRECIATE LINE OF THOUGHT THAT HOLDS THAT USG SHOULD STAY OUT OF MIDDLE OF PAK-IRANIAN BUSINESS IN ORDER TO FOSTER REGIONAL COOPERATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS LACK OF COMPLETE TRUST ON THIS SIDE AND WE BELIEVE WE WOULD HELP MOVE THINGS ALONG IF WE COULD GIVE TOUFANIAN REASSURANCE IN FORM OF FMS PAYMENT SCHEDULE OR SIMILAR OUTLINE OF WHAT WE WILL CHARGE GOP AND WHEN IT WILL BE DUE. THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL AFTER GOI HAS MADE ITS OFFER OF FINANCING FOR SPECIFIC ARMS FOR PAKISTAN.
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